

9.1 notes

* What is inference?

Conclusions about a population parameter using statistics. (\hat{p})

• Inference is based on...

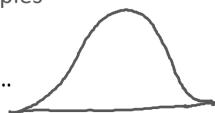
sampling distributions

• sampling distribution =

a histogram of lots of samples

• Most sampling distributions are...

normal



Confidence Interval:

• FORM: statistic \pm margin of error



• Example: Presidential Polls:

$$56\% \pm 3\% = (53\%, 59\%)$$

$$56\% \pm 10\% = (46\%, 66\%)$$

• Confidence Intervals are based on 3 things:

- 1) The sample proportion \hat{p}
- 2) The sample size
- 3) The confidence level

* The confidence level gives us the...

certainty that the true value is in the interval

* Example: Presidential polls again

65% \pm 5% with 60% confidence

We are 60% confident that the true % of people approving of the president is btw 60% and 70%

65% \pm 10% with 95% confidence

We are 95% confident that the true % of people approving of the president is btw 55% and 75%

65% \pm 6% with 90% confidence

We are 90% confident that the true % of people approving of the president is btw 59% and 71%

Section 9.1: Confidence Intervals for a population proportion

• Parameter we are estimating: p Statistic we are using: \hat{p}

FORMULA: statistic \pm margin of error

For a confidence interval of the population proportion

$$\hat{p} \pm Z^* \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}} = (a, b)$$

• Z^* is called the critical value

• 3 most common levels of confidence for Confidence Intervals and their Z^*

90% confident $Z^* = 1.645$

95% confident $Z^* = 1.960$

99% confident $Z^* = 2.576$

Using the formula for a Confidence Interval, and the information below, complete the following examples.

EXAMPLE #1:

Find a 95% confidence interval when we have $\hat{p} = 0.15$, $n = 400$.

$$\hat{p} \pm Z^* \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}}$$

$$0.15 \pm (1.96) \sqrt{\frac{(0.15)(0.85)}{400}}$$

$$0.15 \pm 0.035$$

$$(0.115, 0.185)$$

We are 95% confident that the true percent is btw 11.5% and 18.5%

EXAMPLE #2:

Find a 90% confidence interval when we have $\hat{p} = 0.58$, $n = 150$.

$$0.58 \pm (1.645) \sqrt{\frac{(0.58)(0.42)}{150}}$$

$$0.58 \pm 0.0663$$

$$(0.5137, 0.6463)$$

EXAMPLE #3: We take a sample of 200 M&M's from a large bag and find that 32 of them are orange. Create a 90% confidence interval for the true proportion of orange M&M's in any bag.

$$\begin{aligned}
 n &= 200 \\
 \hat{p} &= \frac{32}{200} = 0.16 \\
 C &= 90\% \\
 Z^* &= 1.645
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{p} \pm Z^* \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}}$$

$$0.16 \pm 1.645 \sqrt{\frac{(0.16)(0.84)}{200}}$$

$$0.16 \pm 0.0426$$

$$(0.1174, 0.2026)$$

We are 90% confident that the true % of orange M&M's is btw. 11.74% and 20.26%.

CHANGE TO 95% CONFIDENCE

$$0.16 \pm 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{(0.16)(0.84)}{200}}$$

$$0.16 \pm 0.0508$$

$$(0.1092, 0.2108)$$

CHANGE TO 99% CONFIDENCE

$$0.16 \pm 2.576 \sqrt{\frac{(0.16)(0.84)}{200}}$$

$$0.16 \pm 0.0668$$

$$(0.0932, 0.2268)$$

We are 95% confident that the true % of orange M&M's is btw. 10.92% and 21.08%.

$$(0.1092, 0.2108)$$

$$9.32\% - 22.68\%$$

Conclusions:

- As the Confidence Level increases:

- The critical value
- The Margin of Error
- The Confidence Interval gets

Changing Sample Size

Original: $n=150$ $(0.5137, 0.6463)$

Repeat Example #2 but use the sample size below. (90% confidence, $\hat{p} = 0.58$)

$n = 300$

$$0.58 \pm 1.645 \sqrt{\frac{(0.58)(0.42)}{300}}$$

$$0.58 \pm 0.0469 \quad (0.5331, 0.6269)$$

$n = 600$

$$0.58 \pm 1.645 \sqrt{\frac{(0.58)(0.42)}{600}}$$

$$0.58 \pm 0.0331 \quad (0.5469, 0.6131)$$

Conclusions: As the Sample Size increases:

- The Margin of Error

decrease

- The Confidence Interval gets

narrower



Interpreting Confidence Intervals

Form: (of the sentence interpretation)

We are ____% confident that the true percent of _____ is between a and b %.

(a, b)

**Go back to example #3 and interpret your confidence interval.

% orange M&Ms $(0.11736, 0.20264)$ 90% conf.

EXAMPLE #5: There is a poll of 50 American adults and they are asked what their favorite holiday is. 36% of them say Christmas. Create a 95% confidence interval for the percent of American adults who say Christmas is their favorite holiday. Interpret your interval.

$n=50$

$\hat{p}=0.36$

$C=95\%$

$$0.36 \pm 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{(0.36)(0.64)}{50}}$$

$$0.36 \pm 0.133$$

$$(0.227, 0.493)$$

We are 95% confident that the true % of Americans who say xmas is their fav. holiday is btw. 22.7% and 49.3%.

EXAMPLE #6: In a random sample of 3368 undergraduate students at a local college found that 2290 had a smart phone. Create a 95% confidence interval for the true proportion of undergrads that have a smart phone.

$$n = 3368$$

$$\hat{p} = \frac{2290}{3368} = 0.68$$

$$C = 95\%$$

$$0.68 \pm 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{(0.68)(1-0.68)}{3368}}$$

$$0.68 \pm 0.0158$$

$$(0.6642, 0.6958)$$

We are 95% confident that the true % of undergrad students who own a smart phone is btw. 66.42% and 69.58%.

ADD TO NOTES:

What does "95% confidence" really mean??

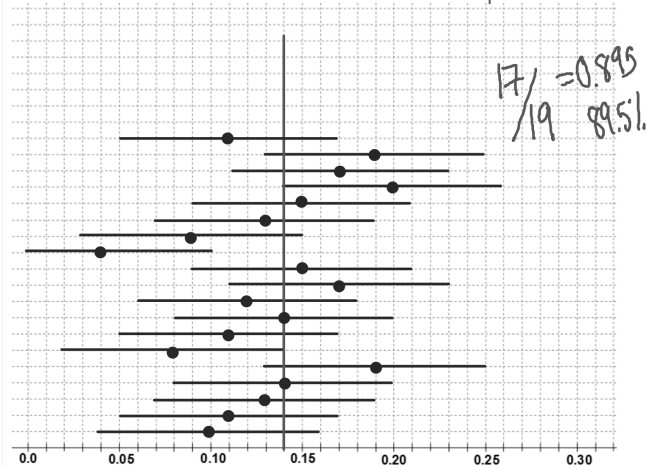
In repeated samples of size _____, 95% of the confidence intervals created will catch the true % of _____.

Example: Orange M&Ms. Take a sample of 200.

In repeated samples of 200, 95% of the confidence intervals created will catch the true % of orange M&Ms.

Visual:

19 samples



WORKSHEET: Section 9.1 – Confidence Interval for Proportion

1. If 64% of a sample of 550 people leaving a shopping mall claims to have spent over \$25, determine a 99% confidence interval estimate for the proportion of shopping mall customers who spend over \$25. Interpret your interval.
2. In a random sample of machine parts, 18 out of 225 were found to have been damaged in shipment. Establish a 95% confidence interval estimate for the proportion of machine parts that are damaged in shipment. Interpret your interval.
3. A telephone survey of 1000 adults was taken shortly after the U.S. began bombing Iraq. If 832 voiced their support for this action. Create a 99% confidence interval and interpret the interval.

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4) An assembly line does a quality check by sampling 50 of its products. It finds that 16% of the parts are defective.

- a. Create a 95% confidence interval for the percent of defective parts for the company and interpret this interval.
- b. If we decreased the confidence level to 90% what would happen to:
 - i. the critical value?
 - ii. the margin of error?
 - iii. the confidence interval?
- c. If the sample size were increased to 200, the same sample proportion were found, and we did a 95% confidence interval; what would happen to:
 - i. the critical value?
 - ii. the margin of error?
 - iii. the confidence interval?

5) A nationwide poll was taken of 1432 teenagers (ages 13-18). 630 of them said they have a TV in their room.

- a. Create a 90% confidence interval for the proportion of all teenagers who have a TV in their room and interpret it.
- b. What does "90% confidence" mean in this context?
- c. If we increased the confidence level to 99% what would happen to:
 - i. the critical value?
 - ii. the margin of error?
 - iii. the confidence interval?
- d. If the sample size were changed to 950, the same sample proportion were found, and we did a 90% confidence interval; what would happen to:
 - i. the critical value?
 - ii. the margin of error?
 - iii. the confidence interval?

6) Suppose a 90% confidence interval is stated as (0.3011, 0.4189).

- What is the sample proportion from this sample?
- What is the margin of error?

$$3) 0.832 \pm 2.576 \sqrt{\frac{(0.832)(0.168)}{1000}}$$

$$0.832 \pm 0.0305$$

$$(0.8015, 0.8625)$$

We are 99% confident that the true percent of people who support the bombings in Iraq is between 80.15% and 86.25%.

4) (a) $0.16 \pm 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{(0.16)(0.84)}{50}}$

0.16 ± 0.1016 margin of error

$(0.0584, 0.2616) = \text{conf. interval}$

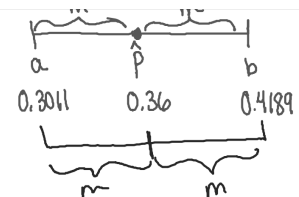
We are 95% confident that the true % of defective parts is between 5.84% and 26.16%.

- decrease ii- decrease iii- narrower
- same ii- decrease iii- narrower

6) (0.3011, 0.4189)

$$(a) \hat{p} = 0.36$$

$$(b) m = 0.0589$$



HW: #2 + 5